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In re Application of: Ogami et al.

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For : A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING NEXT  
PLACEMENTS AND PRUNING OF DISALLOWED PLACEMENTS FOR  
PROGRAMMING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 08/10/2006, please enter and consider the following amendments, remarks, and arguments for the above captioned patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.